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TAGS: SREF, BC, RH, SF, WA, AO
SUBJECT: BOTSWANA BI-WEEKLY REFUGEE REPORT NO. 1

REF: A. STATE 39794; B. HOMANN-HERIMBERG/NORLAND MEMCON
OF FEBRUARY 22, 1977 (NOTAL)

SUMMARY: OFFICIAL REFUGEE FIGURE FOR BOTSWANA AS OF MARCH
14 WAS 3002. THIS INCLUDES 1808 RHODESIANS (PRIMARILY YOUNG
MALES IN FRANCISTOWN, GABORONE AND SELEBI-PIKWE); 699 SOUTH
AFRICANS (A MAJORITY ARE SOWETO STUDENTS IN AND AROUND
GABORONE, ; 165 ANGOLANS (MOST IN FAMILY GROUPINGS IN MAUN
AND FRANCISTOWN); 78 NAMIBIANS (SWAPO AND SWANU IN FRANCIS-
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TOWN;, AND 242 BASOTHO (MALES AND SOME FAMILIES IN
GABORONE AND LOBATSE). TOTAL ALSO INCLUDES 8 ZAIRIANS
IN FRANCISTOWN AND 1 MALAWIAN AND 1 UGANDAN IN GABORONE.
MOST RELIEF ASSISTANCE GIVEN MULTILATERALLY THROUGH UNHCR,
WFP AND OTHERS. GOB NOT CURRENTLY FINANCING ANY SIGNIF-
ICANT PART OF REFUGEE RELIEF. END SUMMARY.

1. FOLLOWING IS BOTSWANA REFUGEE REPORT NO. 1 PROVIDING DATA REQUESTED IN REF A ON RHODESIAN, SOUTH AFRICA, ANGOLAN, NAMIBIAN AND BASOTHO REFUGEES. PLEASE NOTE ACTION REQUESTS. THE EMBASSY WELCOMES THESE BI-WEEKLY REPORTS AS A GOOD OPPORTUNITY TO KEEP WASHINGTON AND OURSELVES MORE CLOSELY INFORMED ABOUT THE RAPID SHIFTS IN THE REFUGEE SCENE IN BOTSWANA. HOWEVER, WE WISH TO INTERJECT A NOTE OF CAUTION REGARDING THE NUMBER OF REFUGEES HERE. THESE NUMBERS, PARTICULARLY RHODESIANS, ARE CHANGING SO QUICKLY THAT ANY ACCURATE COUNT IS ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE. THE SPECIAL BRANCH, WHICH PROVIDED THE TOTALS IN THIS REPORT, TOLD US THAT NEARLY 750 REFUGEES DEPARTED OVER WEEKEND MARCH 12-13 ALONE. UNHCR RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE PERKINS, WHO ESTIMATES THAT THERE ARE ABOUT 3100 REFUGEES IN BOTSWANA, IS IN NEAR DESPAIR OVER THE "NUMBERS GAME" WHICH GENEVA IS FORCING HIM TO PLAY. PERKINS TOLD EMBOFF THAT DURING 11-DAY FARAH MISSION VISIT TO BOTSWANA, THE GOB PRODUCED FOUR DIFFERENT SETS OF REFUGEE FIGURES, NONE OF WHICH SEEMED TO BEAR ANY RELATION TO THE PREVIOUS SUBMISSION. (NOTE: WE REGRET THAT THIS REPORT WAS NOT SENT DURING WEEK OF MARCH 8 AS PROMISED. ALTHOUGH MOST OF IT HAD BEEN COMPLETED, USEABLE REFUGEE FIGURES, WITH BREAKDOWNS BY NATIONALITY, WERE NOT AVAILABLE FROM GOB UNTIL AFTER-NOON OF MARCH 15.)

2. RHODESIANS:

A. NUMBER OF DISTRIBUTION: 1808 RHODESIANS IN BOTSWANA AS OF MARCH 14 WERE DISTRIBUTED AS FOLLOWS:
881 - FRANCISTOWN (PRIMARILY IN REFUGEE CAMP)
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260 - SELEBI PIKWE (HOUSED IN PRISON AND POLICE BARRACKS)
456 - GABORONE
40 - LOBATSW
50 - MAHALAPYE
50 - MOLEPOLOLE
9 - KANYE
16 - MOCHUDI
21 - PALAPYE
25 - SEROWE

(NOTE: NUMBERS FLUCTUATE GREATLY AS AIR CHARTERS AND SCHEDULED FLIGHTS TAKE RHODESIANS TO LUSKA WHILE NEW RECRUITS SLIP ACROSS BORDER INTO BOTSWANA).

B. COMPOSITION: RELATIVELY STABLE. IN NORTHER BOTSWANA GROUP IS PRIMARILY YOUNG MALE KNOMO FOLLOWERS (AGED 17-25) IN TRANSIT TO OTHER FRONT-LINE STATES FOR MILITARY TRAINING. THE MUZOREWA ADHERENTS IN BOTSWANA (A MINORITY) FACE DIFFICULTIES IN ONWARD TRAVEL BECAUSE OF

FRONT-LINE PRESIDENT'S RECOGNITION OF NKOMO-MUGABE AND BECAUSE OF THE POOR RELATIONS BETWEEN MUZOREWA AND ZAMBIA. A NEW PHENOMENON ABOUT WHICH WE DO NOT YET HAVE DETAILS IS REPORTED GUERRILLA RECRUITMENT OF RHODESIANS WORKING ON SOUTH AFRICAN MINES. THESE MEN, MANY OF WHOM WE ARE TOLD BACK MUZOREWA, TRAVEL BY TRAIN TO BOTSWANA, OSTENSIBLY EN ROUTE HOME TO RHODESIA. WE PRESUME THAT SOME OF THE LARGE NUMBER AROUND GABORONE ARE THESE MINERS WHO WILL EVENTUALLY BE FORWARDED TO FRANCISTOWN OR THE TEMPORARY CAMP TO BE CONSTRUCTED AT SELEBI-PIKWE. PART OF THE RHODESIAN REFUGEE POPULATION AROUND GABORONE IS O-LEVEL STUDENTS (AGED 17-22) SEEKING FURTHER EDUCATION.

C. NEEDS OF RHODESIAN REFUGEES:

-(1) FOOD: FOR SOME TIME, BOTSWANA WAS FEEDING RHODESIANS IN FRANCISTOWN CAMP AT CONSIDERABLE EXPENSE
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TO GOB (APPROXIMATELY P10,000 PER MONTH) LEAVING SIZEABLE DEFICIT IN GOVERNMENT REFUGEE BUDGET. WORLD FOOD PROGRAM (WFP) BEGAN FOOD ASSISTANCE ON JANUARY 1 AND NOW IS RESPONSIBLE FOR FEEDING RHODESIANS IN FRANCISTOWN. THERE HAD BEEN SOME FEARS THAT WFP WOULD RUN OUT OF REFUGEE FOOD STOCKS AND THAT GOB WOULD HAVE TO RESUME FEEDING. HOWEVER, WFP NOTIFIED BY ROME MARCH 9 THAT PROGRAM TO CONTINUE FOR AT LEAST SIX MORE MONTHS AND THAT STOCKS FOR BOTSWANA DOMESTIC PURPOSES MAY BE DIVERTED. REFUGEES IN SELEBI-PIKWE APPARENTLY BEING FED BY PRISON. IF SO, OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT WILL ULTIMATELY GET THE BILL.

(2) SHELTER: AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED (GABORONE 509, 483, 476 AND OTHERS), RHODESIAN REFUGEES IN BOTSWANA FACING SERIOUS SHELTER PROBLEMS. PERKINS AND PRESIDENTIAL PERMANENT SECRETARY STEENKAMP WILL TRAVEL TO SELEBI-PIKWE MID-MARCH TO CHOOSE SITE FOR 500-PERSON TEMPORARY REFUGEE CAMP DESCRIBED PARA 2, GABORONE 509. MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND BOTSWANA HOUSING CORPORATION PREPARING ESTIMATES OF THE COSTS OF TENTS VERSUS TRADITIONAL, RONDVEL-TYPE HOUSING. REGARDING EXISTING CAMP, ON MARCH 9 PERKINS SIGNED AGREEMENT WITH GOB TO PROVIDE P13,000 FOR UPGRADING OF FACILITIES (KITCHEN, DINING FACILITIES, MORE SHOWERS, IMPROVED SEWERAGE AND ELECTRIFICATION OF DORMITORIES.) AGREEMENT DOES NOT PROVIDE FOR INCREASE IN CAPACITY OF CAMP. ALTHOUGH LOCAL ARCHITECT HAD DRAWN UP PLANS FOR TWO MORE DORMS, PERKINS OPPOSED BECAUSE HE FEELS FACILITY ALREADY TOO CROWDED. RHODESIAN REFUGEE STUDENTS AROUND GABORONE ARE SCATTERED WITH SOME LIVING ON FARM NORTH OF TOWN. OTHERS RENT HOUSES IN TOWN OR LIVE WITH ACQUAINTANCES HERE. WE DO NOT KNOW SHELTER DETAILS OF RECRUITS FROM MINES OR OF

RHODEISANS IN LOBATSE, MOLEPOLOLE AND ELSEWHERE.

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(3) EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS: THERE ARE SOME
RHODESIAN REFUGEES IN BOTSWANA DESIRING FURTHER EDUCA-
TION. THOSE AT HIGH SCHOOL LEVEL COULD PROBABLY BE
INTEGRATED INTO GOB EDUCATION PLANS FOR SOUTH AFRICANS.
THOSE READY TO ATTEND UNIVERSITY ARE A SMALL BUT REAL
PROBLEM WHICH INCREASES GREATLY IN MAGNITUDE IF CONSID-
ERED TOGETHER WITH NON-REFUGEE RHODESIANS. THE EMBASSY
IS RECEIVING LARGE NUMBER OF LETTERS AND VISITS FROM
YOUNG RHODESIANS WHO WISH UNIVERSITY EDUCATION IN U.S.
WE HAVE COMPILED SOME DATA FOR THEM BUT DO NOT HAVE
COMPLETE CURRENT INFORMATION ON SCHOLARSHIPS.

ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE RESPONSE TO GABORONE 188, ALSO,
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PARA 2 OF STATE 20010 MENTIONED THAT AID EXPLORING UNDER-GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS IN U.S. WHICH DEPARTMENT HOPED WOULD BE AVAILABLE IN APRIL. EMBASSY WOULD BE GRATEFUL FOR STATUS REPORT ON THESE SCHOLARSHIPS WHICH WE PRESUME COULD BE FOR THESE RHODESIANS (AND POSSIBLY THE SMALL GROUP OF UNIVERSITY-LEVEL REFUGEE SOUTH AFRICANS IN BOTSWANA).

D. GOB AND DONOR SUPPORT ACTIVITIES: WFP FEEDING RHODESIANS IN FRANCISTOWN. UNHCR IMPROVING EXISTING CAMP. MANY REFUGEES IN BOTSWANA RECEIVE P20 (\$9)-4 23) PER MONTH FROM UNHCR AND OTHERS THROUGH COORDINATING BODY, BOTSWANA COUNCIL FOR REFUGEES (BCR) (SEE GABORONE 201AND A-2 FOR DETAILS). THE RHODESIANS AROUND GABORONE WHO ARE REGISTERED WITH THE BCR ARE RECEIVING THIS ALLOW-ANCE. FRG HAS DONATED P36,000 (DOLLARS 41,000) FOR GENERAL REFUGEE RELIEF, SOME OF WHICH MAY GO TO RHODESIANS. ALL-AFRICA CONFERENCE OF CHURCHES ASSISTING ZIMBABWEANS AROUND GABORONE. OXFAM MAY ESTABLISH SMALL AGRICULTURAL SCHEME NEAR FRANCISTOWN CAMP TO ASSIST IN FEEDING. GERMAN ORGAINIZATION, FREIDRICH-EBERT FOUNDATION, GAVE P25,000 TOWARD CONSTRUCTION OF FRANCISTOWN CAMP IN 1975 BUT HAS NOT SINCE OFFERED ASSIISTANCE FOR RHODESIANS. NORAD GAVE P12,000 IN 1976 FOR AIR TICKETS TO ZAMBIA BUT HAS NOT YET ASSISTED THIS YEAR.

3. SOUTH AFRICANS:

A. NUMBERS AND DISTRIBTUION: 699 SOUTH AFRICAN REFUGEES IN BOTSWANA ARE DISTRIBUTED AS FOLLOWS:

396 - GABORONE
95 - FRANCISTOWN
100 - LOBATSE
45 - MOCHUDI
16 - MAHALAPYE
10 - MOLEPOLOLE
5 - KANYE
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6 - SELEBI-PIKWE
10 - GHANZI
12 - SEROWE
2 - RAMOTSWA
2 - TULI BLOCK

B. COMPOSITION: AS DESCRIBED PARA 5, GABORONE 378.

C. NEEDS:

(1) FOOD: REGISTERED SOUTH AFRICANS CURRENTLY RECEIVE P20 MONTHLY ALLOTMENT FROM BCR. REFUGEES POOL THIS MONEY TO BUY FOOD AND SHELTER. HOWEVER, THERE IS UNANIMOUS AGREEMENT THAT THIS ALLOWANCE TOO SMALL. PERKINS WOULD LIKE TO SEE IT RAISED TO P30 BUT SAYS UNHCR HAS NOT YET RECEIVED ADEQUATE FUNDS TO ALLOW BCR TO DO SO.

(2) SHELTER: ALTHOUGH WE DO NOT KNOW DETAILS OF SOUTH AFRICAN REFUGEE HOUSING THROUGHOUT BOTSWANA, THOSE AROUND GABORONE ARE PROBABLY SHELTERED, MOSTLY IN TERRIBLY OVERCROWDED RONDAVELS. AFTER PURCHASE OF FOOD, THERE IS USUALLY VERY LITTLE REMAINING OF P20 ALLOWANCE FOR SHELTER. GOB WOULD LIKE TO CONSTRUCT TRANSIT CENTER WHICH COULD ACCOMMODATE ABOUT 500 SOUTH AFRICAN REFUGEES (SEE PARA 2, REF B).

(3) EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS: EMBASSY HAS REPORTED FULLY ON GOB EDUCATION PLANS FOR YOUNG SOUTH AFRICANS (SEE PARA 2A, GABORONE 581 OUTLINING ANTICIPATED FARAH MISSION REQUESTS FOR USG ASSISTANCE). IN ADDITION, UNHCR HAS NOW BEEN NOTIFIED BY NIGERIAN GOVERNMENT THAT 156 SOWETO STUDENTS IN BOTSWANA HAVE BEEN SELECTED TO GO TO NIGERIA FOR SECONDARY EDUCATION. UNHCR MAY ASSIST WITH TRANSPORT. PERKINS EMPHASIZED, HOWEVER, THAT DEPARTURE OF THESE PERSONS WILL DO NO MORE THAN OFFER BOTSWANA A LITTLE "BREATHING ROOM". GIVEN STEADY TRICKLE OF SOUTH AFRICANS

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AFRICAN REFUGEES INTO BOTSWANA (PERKINS ESTIMATES AT LEAST 20 PER MONTH), THE 156 STUDENTS WILL SOON BE REPLACED. FURTHER, ANOTHER SOWETO-TYPE DISTURBANCE WILL GENERATE A NEW FLOOD OF REFUGEES, IN PERKINS' OPINION.

ACTION REQUESTED: WE WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S CLARIFICATION OF WHETHER U.S. SCHOLARSHIP POSSIBILITIES (PARA 2, STATE 20010) WILL BE FORTHCOMING FOR HIGH-SCHOOL LEVEL SOUTH AFRICANS.

D. SUPPORT ACTIVITIES: PRINCIPAL ASSISTANCE FOR SOUTH AFRICANS TO DATE HAS BEEN MONETARY SUPPORT FROM UNHCR VIA BCR. 1977 UNHCR/BOTSWANA BUDGET OF DOLLARS 49,000 WILL NO DOUBT BE INCREASED. EXCEPT FOR INDIVIDUAL OFFICIALS WHO HOUSE SOME SOWETO STUDENTS, GOB NOT INVOLVED IN SUPPORT OF SOUTH AFRICANS. NIGERIA WILL EDUCATE SOME STUDENTS, AS NOTED ABOVE. SOME OF FRG'S P36,000 DONATION MAY GO TO SOUTH AFRICANS. ACCORDING TO UNHCR, FRG ALSO INTERESTED IN ASSISTING WITH FINANCING OF GOB EDUCATION PLANS FOR SOWETO YOUNGSTERS.

4. ANGOLANS:

A. NUMBERS AND DISTRIBUTION: 165 ANGOLAN REFUGEES ARE IN BOTSWANA. 125 ARE IN MAUN AND 40 IN FRANCISTOWN.

B. COMPOSITION: MOST ARE IN FAMILY GROUPINGS ALTHOUGH THERE ARE SOME SINGLE MALES. ALL HAVE URBAN BACKGROUND. MANY WERE BORN IN ZAIRE AND WISH TO RETURN THERE. MOST WERE AFFILIATED WITH FNLA.

C. NEEDS:

(1) FOOD: THIS GROUP RECEIVING P20 MONTH BCR ASSISTANCE. AS IN CASE OF SOUTH AFRICANS, IT IS NOT CONSIDERED THAT THIS ALLOWS FOR PURCHASE OF ADEQUATE CONFIDENTIAL

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FOOD.

(2) SHELTER: WE DO NOT KNOW HOW THESE ANGOLANS ARE HOUSED ALTHOUGH WE PRESUME THEY ARE LIVING WITH LOCAL RESIDENTS OR IN RENTED QUARTERS.

(3) EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS: EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED NUMEROUS LETTERS FROM INDIVIDUAL ANGOLANS AND FROM AN OFFICIAL IN THE OFFICE OF THE MAUN DISTRICT COMMISSIONER REQUESTING "RESETTLEMENT" AND IN ONE CASE "POLITICAL ASYLUM" IN U.S. MOST OF THESE LETTERS ALTERNATIVELY REQUEST U.S. SCHOLARSHIPS FOR UNDERTAKING OR COMPLETING UNDERGRADUATE STUDY. THOSE ASKING FOR SCHOLARSHIPS APPEARS TO BE WELL-QUALIFIED; MOST HAVE CONSIDERABLE WORK EXPERIENCE. OUR LETTERS OF RESPONSE HAVE DISCOURAGED THEM RE THEIR PROSPECTS FOR EMIGRATING.

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HOWEVER, WE WOULD LIKE TO BE MORE RESPONSIVE TO THEIR
REQUESTS FOR EDUCATION.

ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE ADVISE ABOUT SCHOLARSHIP OPPOR-
TUNITIES IN U.S. OR ELSEWHERE FOR THESE ANGOLANS.

D. SUPPORT ACTIVITIES: GOB NOT INVOLVED IN SUPPORT
FOR ANGOLAN REFUGEES. BCR DISTRIBUTING P20/MONTH. UNHCR
HAS COLLECTED RESETTLEMENT DATA ON EACH FAMILY AND IS
TRYING TO PLACE THOSE WHO WANT TO LEAVE. THIS INCLUDES
VITALLY ALL WHO WERE BORN IN ZIAIRE. ZAIRIAN GOVERN-
MENT HAS JUST GRANTED PERMISSION OFR ONE FAMILY TO RETURN.
UNHCR HAS HOPES OTHER ZAIRE-BORN REFUGEES WILL BE ALLOWED
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TO GO BACK. A FEW ANGOLANS WISH TO REMAIN IN BOTSWANA
AND SOME WANT TO GO TO U.S., EUROPE OR "MODERATE" AFRICAN
COUNTRY.

5. NAMIBIANS:

A. NUMBERS AND DISTRIBUTION: 77 ANMIBIANS IN BOTS-
WANA ARE DISTRIBUTED AS FOLLOWS:

60- FRANCISTOWN
5 - GABORONE
12 -& HANZI

B. COMPOSTION: 54 SWANU MEMBERS ARE VIRTUALLY ALL
IN FRANCISTOWN. THEY ARE NEARLY ALL MALES, YOUNG (AGED
20-25) AND URBAN. MOST HAVE PARTIAL SECONDARY EDUCATION.
23 SWAPO MEMBERS ARE SCATTERED. THEY ARE MALE AND YOUNG
(AGED 16-20). SOME HAVE PARTIAL SECONDARY EDUCATION.

C. NEEDS:

(1) FOOD: REGISTERED NAMIBIANS RECEIVE P20
PER MONTH FROM BCR WHICH GOES PRIMARILY FOR FOOD.

(2) SHELTER: SWANU HAS HOUSE SUPPLIED BY
UNCHR OR BCR IN FRANCISTOWN. AS NOTED ABOVE, SWAPO
SCATTERED AND POSSIBLY HAVING TO RENT HOUSING FROM
P20 ALLOWANCE.

(3) EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS: SWAPO ADHERENTS
USUALLY PASS THROUGH BOTSWANA RATHER QUICKLY EN ROUTE
TO NAMIBIAN INSTITUTE OR ELSEWHERE. SWANU FACED GREAT
DIFFICULTIES AS IT IS NOT RECOGNIZED BY AOU WE WERE
TOLD IN LATE 1976 BY SWANU REPS THAT 20 FOLLOWERS HAD
GONE TO LUSKA TO ATTEND NAMIBIA INSTITUTE (76 GABORONE
2143). THESE LEADERS ALSO COMPLAINED THAT THEY HAD
CONTACTED VARIOUS ORGANIZATIONS, INCLUDING AAI, ABOUT
ASSISTANCE AND WERE TOLD THAT THEY MUST BE "RECOMMENDED
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BY SWAPO" (76 GABORONE A-310).

D. SUPPORT ACTIVITIES: NAMIBIANS' PRIMARY SUBSIS-
TENCE ASSISTANCE COMES FROM UNHCR VIA BCR. SWAPO PROBABLY
HELPING ON AIR FARES TO LUSAKA FOR ITS MEMBERS. IN 1976,
FREIDRICH-EBERT FOUNDATION HAD GIVEN SWANU ACCOMMODATION
IN KANYE AND SOME VOCATIONAL TRAINING. HOWEVER, THIS
HAS BEEN DISCONTINUED AND THERE ARE NOT LONGER ANY NAMIBIA-
INANS IN KANYE.

6. BASOTHO:

A. NUMBERS AND DISTRIBUTION: 242 BASOTHO REFUGEES
IN BOTSWANA ARE DISTRIBUTED AS FOLLOWS:
194 - GABORONE
48 - LOBATSE

B. COMPOSITION: BASOTHO ARE A MIX OF FAMILIES
AND SINGLE MALES. MOST ARE OLDER THAN
RHODESIANS, SOUTH AFRICANS AND NAMIBIANS HERE. MANY ARE
TEACHERS OR IN OTHER PROFESSIONS.

C. NEEDS:

(1) FOOD: ALMOST ALL ARE SELF SUPPORTING AND
INTEGRATED INTO THEIR COMMUNITIES.

(2) SHELTER: SAME AS ABOVE.

(3) EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS: OCCASIONALLY
UNHCR PAYS FOR CHILDREN'S SCHOOL FEES. OTHERWISE, NO

MAJOR EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS. BASOTHO LAND CONGRESS
PART REPS FROM LUSAKA WHO CALLED AT EMBASSY (SEE SEPAIR)
HAVE MADE SOME RATHER NON-SPECIFIC REQUESTS FOR "SCHOLAR-
SHPS" IN U.S. BUT HAVE NOT FOLLOWED UP WITH DATA ON
PROPOSED RECIPIENTS.

D. SUPOORT ACTIVITIES:
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MOST BASOTHO REFUGEES HERE
ARE SEFL-SUPPORTING. BCR HAS ASSISTED BASOTHO IN THE
PAST BUT CURRENTLY HAS ONLY A HANDFUL ON P20 MONTHLY
ALLOWANCE. BASOTHO ARE RECEIVING NO OTHER ASSISTANCE
OF WHICH WE ARE AWARE.
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